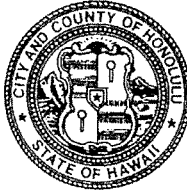


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Dear Chair Kobayashi and Councilmembers:

Subject: Testimony for Bill 4 (2013) Relating to the Grants in Aid Fund

We understand how important the grants-in-aid program is to the Council and appreciate the confidence you have in the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services (BFS) to not only administer the grants-in-aid fund, but also the projects funded by the grants awarded through this program. However, we need to point out that Bill 4 (2013) is contrary to the charter provision that sets up the grants-in-aid program.

While Bill 4 (2013) directs BFS to administer the projects funded by grants awarded from the grants-in-aid fund, the charter provision assigns these duties to the Department of Community Services (DCS). To address this issue, we propose that the bill be amended to provide that BFS administer the grants-in-aid fund and that DCS administer the grants awarded by the fund. DCS is submitting a proposed committee draft with their written testimony which would provide this clarification. We are in support of Bill 4 (2013) with the proposed changes that will be submitted by DCS.

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Should you have any questions, please call me at 768-3901.

Sincerely,



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